(f) what steps are contemplated to review the prices of semi-synthetic penicillin and formulations based thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) While some producers have given the requisite data, other producers have not yet furnished the data to BICP.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The prices of three semi-synthetic Penicillins namely, Ampicillin Trihydrate, Ampicillin Anhydrous and Amoxicillin Trihydrate have been revised rrom time to time on the basis of available cost data with the Government on account of change in customs duty rate, change in exchange rate of duty, convertibility of Rupee, change in the ratio of imported and indigenous Penicillin-G and increase in other input costs etc. to ensure availability and to avoid shortages.

(d) The notified price in the maximum price that can be charged by the manufacturer and it does not preclude, the manufacturers from selling below the notified price.

(e) No, Sir. Such incidentals are allowed to cover the expenses incurred on Centra[State Sales Tax, freight, insurance, handling charges, purchase tax, entry tax, octroi etc. wherever applicable.

(f) Does not arise.

ANOMALIES IN SALES OF DRUGS IN RESPECT OF PRINTED PRICES

3049. DR. NARREDY THULASI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several manufacturers arc selling their formulations o the distributors at less than half the maximum Re'ail Price printed on the label;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have not specified maximum rate of Trade Commission and have given blanket exemption to small scale;

(d) whether these anomalies are within the knowledge of his Ministry and if so, since when; and

(e) what steps have been taken to take remedial action so that prices of medicines could be brought down ?

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INCREASE IN BULK DRUG PRICES OVERLOOKING BICP'S COST-CUM- TECHNICAL STUDY

3050 SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

SHRI RAINI RANJAN SAHU :

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to s'atc :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Minis-ry increased the prices of bulk drugs without the cost cum technical study by BICP under DPCO, 1987 ;